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## MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

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### ***SOUTH DAKOTA MILK CASH RECEIPTS DOWN***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 25, 2000**—Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 1999, at \$215.0 million, were down 2 percent from the \$220.3 million in 1998, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Producer returns averaged \$14.40 per cwt., down \$1.10 per cwt. from the previous year. The gross producer income, at \$215.3 million and the total value of milk produced at \$217.0 million, were both 2 percent below the 1998 totals.

Milk production increased 5 percent in 1999 to 1,507 million pounds. The rate per cow, at 14,775 pounds, was 706 pounds above 1998. The annual average number of cows on farms, at 102,000 head, was unchanged from a year earlier.

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